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Application No. 10/802,005
Amendment and Response to Election/Restriction Requirement

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2005, requiring election of a single disclosed species under 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner contends that there are several patentably distinct species, as enumerated in the above-referenced Office Action with reference to Figures 1-17 of the application.

In response to the requirement of election/restriction, Applicant elects those claims directed to Figure 13. Applicant submits that claims 1-21 are readable on the elected species of Figure 13.

Applicant would also direct the Examiner to newly amended claims 2, 13, 14 and 18. These claims have been amended to remove the Markush-group phrasing that included the expression "consisting of." These amendments were not made for any purpose of patentability.

No fees are believed necessary for this response. This response is being submitted within one month from the date of the office action. If any extension of time is believed necessary, however, such extension is hereby by requested. If any fees are deemed necessary for the continued prosecution of the present application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1899.

Please contact the undersigned at the address or telephone number listed below should there be any questions, or if contacting the undersigned would expedite or aid the examination or prosecution of this application.

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